

Marion County Children's Alliance Monthly Meeting **Wednesday, November 4, 2009**

Invocation:

Given by Connie King, Eckerd Mentoring Program.

Introductions:

Mr. Hackmyer requested introductions from anyone new to the Alliance meetings.

Minutes:

The August minutes were approved as written.

Scott recognized Dennis Vibe, a popular educator, who passed away on September 13th.

Mr. Hackmyer stated that we are very fortunate to live in Marion County because it is a generous community.

October was Domestic Violence Prevention month with many events held that were all well attended.

Next Tuesday, November 10th there will be a Job Fair at CFCC's Klein Center from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. For general questions call 840-5700 or employers call 873-7939 x1215.

Report from Executive Director:

Dr. Jordan thanked everyone that had a vendor table for the October Provider Fair. There were 140 participants and 65 vendors.

The 9th Annual Children's First Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, November 17th at 7:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn. Wil Blechman will be the speaker. Dr. Blechman will address the benefits of meeting the needs of early learning for the economic success of the community. It is exciting to see 350 people up early to hear an outside speaker each year. Julie Linhart said vendor setup is scheduled for 6:30-7:00 a.m. on the 17th.

The December 2nd Alliance meeting will host DJJ Secretary Peterman. Please mark your calendars! Ocala has been recognized and is "on the map." Former Sec. Sheldon attended an Alliance meeting earlier this year and was impressed with the support shown for the Alliance at their monthly meetings.

Members (Connie King-Community Partner, Shatasha Jones-President, Cynthia Wise-V. President, Cynthia Graham-Treasurer and Sarenceya Maxwell-Member) of Sircle, Inc., which began in 2001 inspired by the shared leadership development experience of the Inaugural Class of Focus on Leadership, presented the Sircle of Honor (formerly the Community Service Merit Award) to Scott Hackmyer. This award is given to an individual who has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to the community and if Dr. Jordan is the glue then you, Scott are the ink and pen!

Speaker:

Dyer Michell, former CEO of MRMC introduced Kerrie Jones Clark, Executive Director, Heart of Florida Community Health Clinic as the guest speaker. Ms. Clark has been involved in the health care field for 20 years. She was the CEO of a health clinic in Connecticut for 10 years and grew it to 3 locations. Kerrie was Executive Director of a Rhode Island health center standards association for over 8 years. Kerrie received her Bachelors degree in Ohio and her Masters from the University of Amherst. She spoke on federally qualified health centers-what they are and what they can do.

Heart of Florida Health Center, formerly known as Community Health Services, became a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in March 2009 with the addition of dental and behavioral health services. They provide

quality primary medical, dental and psychiatric services to all Marion County residents, particularly to those residents who would not otherwise be able to access these services due to financial limitations and/or lack of health insurance.

The Health Center, located at 1025 Southwest 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471, phone 732-6599, was established to provide patients with a 1-doctor relationship instead of seeking medical care at hospital emergency rooms which is a high cost alternative with little or no follow up or continuity of care.

A Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) is a reimbursement designation referring to several health programs funded under the Health Center Consolidation Act. They are community-based organizations that provide comprehensive primary care and preventive care, including health, oral and mental health/substance abuse services to persons of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay. Dr. Jack Geiger became a leader in the development of the national health center network in 1959 after visiting S. Africa and seeing their health system of “all services by the community and for the community” and wanting to create a similar system in the U.S.

An FQHC has strict standards including qualifying in 5 areas: must serve a medically underserved area or population, have a commitment to provide comprehensive medical care (medical home) on an adjusted fee basis, performance and accountability standards both clinical and financial ie. A133 audit and have a governing Board of Directors with 51% being users of the health center and 49% concerned about health care in the county.

A “Look-Alike” is a health center that has been identified by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as meeting the definition of health center but receiving no funding.

Two years ago the Marion County Health Department gave us a physician doing a partial primary care practice and walk-in practice. As of October 12, 2009 we are completely a primary care practice with no more lines. Everything changed - new staff with a pediatric nurse practitioner which makes us no longer for adults only. A mental health component will be added as well as a dental program. We are actively recruiting for an ARMP and physician. The plan is to continue to expand services to make us eligible to apply for other opportunities.

A question and answer session followed.

Roundtable:

- * Margaret Spontek will be the speaker for the November FCN meeting.
- * Dr. Holly Hills, U of S. FL will speak on evaluations for the November Grant Writers’ Network.
- * LerVerne Jacobs, College Reach-Out Program (CROP) stated they are recruiting for grades 6-9 at-risk students for their program which provides focused educational and enrichment opportunities for students who might otherwise be unlikely to seek admission to a postsecondary institution. For qualifications call 854-2322 extension 1681.
- * Join Children’s Home Society from 2-4 p.m. on the Downtown Square to celebrate adoption. Call 732-1412.
- * Covenant Children’s Home located in Dunnellon serves the tri-county at no cost to family to be a safe refuge for school-age children who have been abandoned, abused, neglected or orphaned and who require long-term shelter. Their number is 489-2565.
- * Connie King has mentors in the Silver Spring Shores and Marion Oaks areas and children needing mentors. She can be reached at 445-1410. Connie will be presenting (as will KCI) at the 2nd Annual National Prisoner’s Family Conference on February 25 & 26 in Orlando at the Crowne Plaza Hotel – Orlando Airport.
- * The Paddock Mall will host Girls Night Out on Thursday, November 5 from 6-9 p.m. Call 237-1223.
- * The Marion County Children’s Alliance invites you to support our children by donating toys or gift cards to The Gift of Christmas Toy Drive. Call 438-5993.

- * Saturday, November 14 The Samaritan Corp. will have a bake and yard sale at Howard Academy to promote Mentoring. Contact Brian Daymon at 812-3540 or visit their website at: thesamaritancorp.webs.com
- * Habitat for Humanity has no waiting list and will have an informational gathering on Tuesday, November 10th at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express Ocala, Plantation Room, 1212 S. Pine Ave., 6 p.m. Call 351-4663.
- * The Safe Kids Workgroup voted to hold their meetings on the 2nd Friday of each month at 9 a.m., Health Department.
- * BTW Outreach kicks off its “Restoring Adam Initiative” on Saturday, November 14. Speakers are Chief Williams and S. Osborne James. Tickets are \$7.00 and can be purchased at 1515 NE 22nd Avenue, Ste. 7, Ocala, FL or by calling 342-9958.
- * The Kiwanis Club will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, December 5. Tickets are \$4.00. Call Scott Hackmyer 598-1848.

Future Meetings:

Family Violence Prevention	2 nd Monday, Nov 9 – 11:00 a.m., Sheriff’s Office
Autism & Other Disabilities	2 nd Tuesday, Nov 10– 11:00 a.m., 1028 E. SS Blvd. (old Hannity Hse)
Faith Community Network	2 nd Wednesday, Nov 11 – 12:00 p.m., Alliance Office this meeting only
9 th Annual “Children First” Breakfast	– Tuesday, November 17, 2009
Mentoring Workgroup	3 rd Wednesday, Nov 18 – 11:30 a.m., Jail Adm. Conf. Rm.
Childhood Nutrition	2 nd Thursday, Nov 19 – 3:30 p.m., MRMC Dining Room
Grant Advisory Workgroup	4 th Thursday, Nov 19– 11:00 a.m. at Ocala Police Dept.
Alliance Monthly Meeting	1 st Wednesday, Dec 2 - 11:30 a.m., Jail Adm. Bldg., Multipurpose Room
SAFE Kids	2 nd Wednesday, Dec 11 – 9:00 a.m., Health Dept.
Quarterly Board	1 st Wednesday, January 6 - 11:30 a.m., Jail Adm. Bldg., Multipurpose Room

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.